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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**MANCHESTER MAN FOUND GUILTY IN HILLSBOROUGH  
COUNTY NORTH SUPERIOR COURT**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Hillsborough County Attorney Marguerite L. Wageling, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announced that on July 14, 2005, Joseph Davis, DOB 12/4/85, formerly of 188 Auburn Street, Manchester, NH, was convicted of Attempted First Degree Assault and Felonious Reckless Conduct after a two day jury trial in Hillsborough County North Superior Court.

The state charged Davis with the crimes of Attempted First Degree Assault and Falsifying Physical Evidence because he fired a gun at a neighbor during an argument and then removed the gun by handing the gun to a co-defendant who fled the scene of the incident. Davis was found not guilty of falsifying physical evidence. The state also charged Davis with Felonious Reckless Conduct for firing the gun in an area with children and others present. Davis has a prior felony record in Massachusetts as a Youthful Offender having been convicted of armed carjacking and assault with a dangerous weapon. The Court revoked Davis's bail pending a pre-sentence investigation. Sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "Our Project Safe Neighborhoods strategy to reduce gun violence has as its theme: 'In New Hampshire, gun crimes means hard time.' We are serious about bringing every criminal to justice and seeking tough sentences that will keep them from ever again being a threat to society."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, a prosecutor and investigator were hired by Hillsborough County to assist with the prosecution of firearm offenders on the federal, state

and local level. The Project Safe Neighborhoods prosecutor has been cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney and an Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney.

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department with the assistance of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Investigator John Tuthill.

This case was prosecuted by Project Safe Neighborhoods Prosecutor, Debra M. Walsh.

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